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EDITORIAL

Doolittle Vandalism Must Cease - NOW!

DOOLITTLE CENTER and Swimming Pool were built at a cost of \$242,000 in taxpayers' money for the purpose of providing clean, wholesome recreation for the youth of Las Vegas, particularly those living in the West Las Vegas area.

The complex was dedicated on July 25, 1964. Ever since that day, less than ten months ago, this originally beautiful development has been repeatedly damaged by thoughtless youngsters, the very ones it was designed to serve and help keep out of mischief.

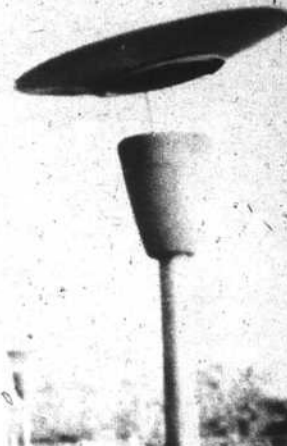
Windows have been smashed. Concrete seats have been torn loose and chipped. Lighting fixtures have been broken. The inside of the main building has been defaced. Nine of 12 floodlights on the south and east sides of the building (costing \$50 each) were destroyed. Twenty circular floodlights imbedded in the paved surface on the west side of the building were mutilated so often that it became necessary to cover them with metal. The outside water fountain was damaged beyond repair.

All this wanton destruction adds up to a community disgrace. IT MUST END. And it must end NOW, before the new, costly gymnasium is

Wanton, Senseless Destruction



THESE PHOTOS show fixtures destroyed by young vandals at Doolittle Center as detailed in editorial, "Doolittle Vandalism Must Cease -- NOW!" From left are shattered flood light in pavement, twisted lighting fixture with glass broken and drinking fountain ruined beyond repair.



completed before the end of the year.

Every citizen--every parent--in this community should make it his or her business to see that our kids are taught to respect and appreciate what the City of Las Vegas is trying to do for them. Unless the adults are able to get the message across--and get it across quickly--this community will have no right to expect additional publicly-financed recreational

facilities as the area grows and really needs them.

This would be most unfortunate. But even more unfortunate is the fact that vandalism of this nature--any type of vandalism, for that matter--stains the entire community with the stigma of irresponsibility. And when it is permitted to be practiced by the young, it bodes more serious trouble for all of us in the future.

Tarea, Constance Featured At Freedom Fund Banquet

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NOTED NEW YORK, CALIFORNIA LADIES TALK HERE JUNE 17

TWO NOTED WOMEN will hold the center of the stage at the 1965 Freedom Fund Banquet of the Las Vegas NAACP, scheduled for Thursday, June 17, at 8 p.m. in the rotunda of the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Constance Motley, president of the Borough of Manhattan in New York City, and Tarea Hall Pittman, secretary of the NAACP's West Coast regional office from Berkeley, Calif., will be featured speakers at the annual affair.

Mrs. Motley, the nation's highest paid Negro in municipal government at \$35,000 per year, is a former New York state senator and was NAACP counsel in the successful battle to enroll James Meredith in the University of Mississippi. She was a 1940 graduate of St. John's Law School in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Pittman will be remembered as special speaker at the NAACP area conference and political workshop here last August. She has won many awards in the field of human rights and has been connected with the NAACP regional staff since 1952.

Last Year's Freedom Fund Banquet here was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

Information regarding tickets and other details of the June 17 affair may be obtained from Frank Anderson, chairman of the committee in charge, by phoning 649-1476.



MASONIC PARADE--Above are two views of big parade staged by St. Mark Grand Lodge AF & AM last Saturday as part of Special Session celebration. Top photo shows nobles starting out from in front of Golden West Shopping Center at 'H' St. and Owens Ave. Following them in lower photo are other segments of parade, including Madison School Majorettes, Matt Kelly School drill team, combined bands of Madison, Matt Kelly and Highland Schools and ladies of Order of Eastern Star. (See additional photo on page 3)

Johnson Post Permanent

LUBERTHA JOHNSON has been named permanent director of Operation Independence, the West Las Vegas "self-help" project, moving up from the position of supervising assistant director she has held since June of last year.

Mrs. Johnson's new appointment was announced by Robert L. Reid and Earl Brunner,

co-chairmen of the Operation Independence Planning Board, following a meeting of the board with Harvey Dondero, chairman of the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, last week.

Reid said Mrs. Johnson's promotion was another step toward making Operation Independence an autonomous project as the original sponsor, the Nevada Tuberculosis and Health Association, is phased out of the picture.

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